

Lieutenant Patrick Buchanan is a 30 year veteran of the Covina Police Department. He began his career as an officer assigned to the Patrol Division and later as a Canine Handler and a Field Training Officer. He was transferred to the Detective Bureau where he worked assignments in Property Crimes, Narcotics and Robbery/Homicide. He promoted to the rank of sergeant in 1995 and worked as a field supervisor in Patrol and later as the sergeant overseeing the day to day operations of the Detective Bureau. He promoted to the rank of lieutenant in 2000 and has been assigned to the Patrol Division, Administration and currently commands the Detective Bureau and the Professional Standards Division.

Lieutenant Buchanan has been the recipient of The Meritorious Service Medal and The Distinguished Service Medal as well as being honored as the Police Officer of the Year in 1995.

Lieutenant Buchanan, along with several other members of the department, under the direction of Chief of Police, Kim Raney was responsible for the development and implementation of the Covina Police Department Special Response Team, also known as SWAT. Lieutenant Buchanan commanded this unit from its inception in 2000 until 2007.

Lieutenant Patrick Buchanan earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Chapman University and a Masters of Arts degree in Emergency Services Management from California State University-Long Beach. He is a graduate of the California Peace Officer Standards and Training, Sherman Block Supervisory Leadership Institute and Executive Leadership program. Lieutenant Buchanan most recently graduated from the P.O.S.T. Command College, Class 44, where upon graduation was fortunate enough to see his project published as an article in a national publication.